

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1 before the first paragraph beginning "The present invention relates to . . .", please delete "Introduction" and insert:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, before the second full paragraph, please delete "Object" and replace it with :

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, before the third full paragraph, please delete "Achievement".

Page 4, before the third paragraph beginning "The present invention . ." please delete "Exemplary Embodiment" and insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 5, fourth paragraph, before "Fig. 1 shows a valve 1 . . ." please insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

In the abstract, please substitute the enclosed Abstract for the Abstract currently on file. No new matter has been added.